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U.S. REP. CAPPS DEATH CLOUDS 1998 PICTURE.

Editor's note: By now most **Calpeek** readers have heard the sad news that freshman Demo U.S. Rep. Walter Capps of Santa Barbara died Oct. 28th shortly after returning to Washington DC from his weekly trip back to the 22nd CD. He was 63. Here's is our brief analysis on the political impact of Capps' death...

It's likely Gov. Pete Wilson will call a special election for sometime in mid-January (sources think Jan. 13 and a Mar. 10 runoff). Needless to say, Capps' death throws the 22nd CD into a state of political confusion...

...Capps was expected to face either San Luis Obispo Co. GOP Chair Rene Bravo or former Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker(R) in November of '98. Former Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand(R) took herself out of the running Sept. 29th and while sources think it's doubtful she'd get back in, she could change her mind. But the guy that many in the Calif. GOP House delegation want is Assemblyman Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara. He's been running for LG, but would be a very strong candidate in the 22nd - so he's under some pressure to run here...

...As for the Demos, they'll soon be scrambling to find a strong candidate to hold the 22nd CD. The name Demos think of first is State Sen. Jack O'Connell, who is up in '98. If O'Connell were to run, sources believe he could win, but the last time the opportunity presented itself in '96, he said *no thanks* and endorsed Capps. In fact, O'Connell worked very hard for Capps' election and was very close to the late congressman and his widow, Lois. So O'Connell is really on the political hot seat. Some Demos think that Lois Capps, a public health professional, would be an good choice if O'Connell passes once again. Another Demo name to surface: former State Sen. Gary Hart...

...If O'Connell agrees to run, then CA Senate Demos will have to scramble to find a good Demo candidate to replace O'Connell in '98. His 18th SD is a *coastal swing district*, with Demos holding a 42% to 40% edge over the GOP in registration. With that low Demo registration and without O'Connell to hold the seat, GOPers would have a solid shot to win the 18th SD...

...FYI: Some **Calpeek** sources think that Capps' '96 win was a *fluke*, even though he won by 12,000 votes. Mega bucks were spent by both sides in '96 and President Bill Clinton and Sen. Bob Dole(R) both campaigned here. Registration in the 22nd CD is almost dead even at 41% each, but like the 18th SD, it is a *coastal swing district*. Many insiders felt that Seastrand was too conservative to hold the 22nd CD and had a more *moderate GOPer* been the nominee, Capps would have lost. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '97: WASHINGTON STATE VOTERS TO CONSIDER CONTROVERSIAL HANDGUN INITIATIVE.

Editor's note: Voters in Washington state go to the polls Nov. 4th to cast ballots in local elections and to vote on several very controversial Statewide initiative measures. Here's a quick update, with the emphasis on **I-676**, a statewide initiative dealing with handguns...

...As one might expect, I-676 pits the National Rifle Assn.(NRA) against a liberal group which goes by the name of *Washington Ceasefire*, sponsors of this initiative to require handgun licensing, safety training, as well as trigger locking devices on all handguns...

...The latest survey, published in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* and broadcast on KOMO-TV (poll of 500 likely voters conducted by Evans McDonough Co.) shows I-676 going down to a big defeat: **41%** yes vs. **54%** no, with 5% undecided. A poll taken 3-4 weeks

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earlier showed I-676 dead even...

...What's happened to turn things around? The NO side, under the banner of WeCARE - *Washington Citizens Against Regulatory Excess*, launched a massive tv blitz against I-676 --- pointing out some of the flaws contained in this initiative. And even *Seattle Times* staff writer Barbara A. Serrano in her Oct. 26th article notes that I-676 "would create one of the most complicated gun-control laws in the country."...

...Although handgun licensing and safety training aren't new concepts, as is often the case with initiatives, the devil is in the details. For example, there is a big question as to whether spouses would have to be licensed, even if they aren't the handgun owner. And I-676 requires all handgun owners to buy trigger locking safety devices, but there's nothing in the initiative which says the devices must be used. And police organizations and local prosecutors are opposed to I-676. DAs claim I-676 will clog the courts and cops say they don't have time to bust unlicensed gun owners...

...FYI: another hot initiative is **I-685**, Medical Marijuana. The same group which bankrolled Prop. 215 in Calif. in '96 are behind I-685. Latest polling: 46% yes vs. 40% no, with 14% undecided. Stay tuned...

46th AD SPECIAL: RUNNING UNDER PROP. 208 RULES.
Editor's note: Candidates running in the 46th AD special election Nov. 18th are finding out just how difficult it is to wage a campaign under the new fundraising restrictions of Prop. 208, Calif.'s new campaign reform law. Here's our brief update and analysis...

...The 46th AD is a very heavy Demo registration district, meaning GOPers need not apply. Even though there are 9 candidates in this race, for all practical purposes this battle is between 3 Democrats who want to replace Louis Caldera. The 3 Demos are: LAUSD Board member Vickie Castro; former #660 SEIU labor leader Gil Cedillo; and attorney Ricardo Torres. FYI: the Castro *spin* is that this special is a two-person battle: Castro vs. Cedillo. However, if the two campaigns don't stop bashing each other, Torres could end up winning. It's a long shot, but possible...

...The big problem for all three is MONEY. Under Prop. 208, most sources believe the spending limit in this special election primary is $150,000. Given the nature of this special and the very low registration in the 46th AD, the $150,000 per candidate limit is probably enough. But money is so tight that it's likely Castro, Cedillo & Torres collectively won't be able to raise $150,000. That's because there's a $500 per person contribution limit. Sources say the candidates are spending almost all of their time ***dialing for dollars***, instead of walking precincts and meeting face-to-face with voters. This is not reform...

...All three campaigns have mailed at least once and some twice, so far. But where is the money going to come from to finance more mail? The answer is independent expenditure committees, who represent various special interests, but are not directly linked to the campaigns or candidates. Sources say IE campaigns will be run on behalf of the CA Realtors, SEIU, Hotel Employees, and the AFL-CIO -- all for Cedillo. No word on IEs for Castro or Torres, although sources suspect there will be some...

...FYI: 46th AD candidates forum, 3 - 5 p.m., Nov. 9, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, L.A. For info ☎Lois Arkin(213)738-1254. Stay tuned...

CALIF. INITIATIVE UPDATE: PARENTAL CONSENT INITIATIVE GATHERING SIGNATURES FOR BALLOT.
Editor's note: Here's another update on Calif. initiative activity for the '98 ballot...

☒ **Parental Consent Requirement for Abortion on Unemancipated Minor. Medical Emergency Exception. Court Authorization Alternative** is the official title of this constitutional amendment sponsored by Robin Fuller of the *Family Protection Committee* ☎(619)915-8472. Sources say the committee is in the process of raising money so that they can hired Sacto-based American Petition Management to collect the 693,230 signatures by the Mar. 16th deadline. Cavalier & Assoc. is the consulting firm for this initiative, which would insert a provision into the Calif. Constitution requiring a minor to obtain parental consent before getting an abortion. There is a medical emergency exception and the minor could obtain an OK from a juvenile court judge in place of a parent...

☒ ***Bilingual Update*** - All three GOP U.S. Senate

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candidates have now endorsed the "English for the Children" initiative. The latest to jump aboard the campaign is San Diego Mayor Susan Golding. CA Treas. Matt Fong and San Diego businessman Darrell Issa had already endorsed the measure. FYI: the CA Teachers Assn.(CTA) is now opposed to this initiative...

☒ ***Horse Slaughter Initiative*** - Although it is not due hit the streets for circulation until Nov. 21, **Calpeek** sources say that an initiative which prohibits the killing of horses & the sale of horsemeat for human consumption will qualify for the November '98 ballot. The sponsors are Cathleen Doyle & Sherry DeBoer and they have the money to fund the signature drive. DeBoer is the Longs Drug Stores heiress and she's the founder & president of *Political Animals*, a PAC to elect legislators who are for animal protection. Doyle is an Emmy-award winning doc film maker, who is president of the *Calif. Equine Council*...

...*Save the Horses* is the official committee name ☎(818)771-0702. Masterton & Wright are the petition managers for signature drive and attorneys John Lovell and Barry Fadem are handling the legal aspects of the initiative campaign. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: COUNTY DIST. ATTORNEY RACES.

Editor's note: Here is our 2nd update on the 56 county DA races set for 1998...

...Our first update showed only two(2) DAs not seeking reelection in '98: Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi, who is running for AG; and Shasta Co. DA Dennis Sheehy, who retired in April...

...Now add Inyo Co. DA L.J. "Buck" Gibbons, who retired in June (Asst. DA Philip McDowell is the new DA); Napa Co. DA Anthony Perez, who was first elected in '91; and Marin Co. DA Jerry Herman (Asst. DA Paula Kamena and Dep. DA John Posey are running in '98 for Herman's job)...

...With Gibbons' retirement, the two *Deans* of the DAs (in terms of years on the job) are Ventura Co.'s Mike Bradbury and Santa Cruz Co.'s Art Danner, both elected in 1978...

...FYI: Lots of attention now focused on the ***Orange Co.*** DA's race, where Dep. DA Brent Romney is *no longer working* on the high profile cases of Assemblyman Scott Baugh & Rhonda Carmony. In fact, the AG is investigating to see whether there is any substance to allegations that Romney used a deputy DA to help him with his campaign on county time. Not good news for Romney. Also running is Asst. DA Wallace Wade and O.C. Judge Anthony Rackauckas, who some now see as a favorite to succeed Capizzi. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Nov. 4	Election Day - S.F. City Attorney & Treasurer; + other local elections.
Nov. 7-8	Christian Coalition of Calif., Road To Victory Calif. Conference, Long Beach.
Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Nov. 18	46th AD Special Election (primary).
Dec. 1	CA Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George addresses TownHall, L.A.
Dec. 1	Re-trial of Rhonda Carmony-Rohrabacher in Orange Co.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts.- West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.
Dec. 6-8	Nat'l League of Cities meeting, Philadelphia.
Jan. 5	CA Legislature reconvenes.
Jan. 14	U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Diamond Bar) to be sentenced for accepting illegal contributions.
Jan. 26-28	Amer. Assn. of Political Consultants Winter Conf., Fairmont Hotel, S.F.

CAMPAIGN '98: ALIOTO EYES SEC. OF STATE RACE.

Calpeek sources believe that Michela Alioto, the unsuccessful '96 1st CD Demo candidate, will soon announce that she's a candidate Calif. Secretary of State. CA Demos, especially those in the House delegation, have been urging Alioto not to seek a rematch with GOP U.S. Frank Riggs --- and instead leave the field clear for State Sen. Mike Thompson in 1998. In the SOS Demo primary, Alioto would be matched against Tony Miller, co-author of Prop. 208...

NBC-TV's TIM RUSSERT AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

The moderator of NBC-TV's "Meet the Press," bureau chief Tim Russert, will address the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Nov. 11, Hyatt Regency Hotel, S.F. For info/RSPVs ☎(415)597-6705...

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CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.
Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Cyberspace Slate Card in S.F.*** - Consultant Robert Barnes has teamed up with Andrew Wong & Associates to produce an internet **slate card** targeted at 100,000 San Francisco residents who have e-mail addresses. Barnes' *Informed Voter* slate is now on the internet at http://www.dmap.com/IVoter.html. We've checked it out and it's impressive. The S.F. election is set for Nov. 4th and Barnes tells **Calpeek** that during the first 4 days the internet slate was up, the website had 1,000 hits(contacts) per day. Odds are strong that Barnes will take his internet slade card statewide for *Campaign '98*...

■ ***Mayor Moonbeam*** - No shock, as former CA Gov. Jerry Brown(D) announced Oct. 28th that he would be a candidate for mayor of Oakland next year. The best quote about Brown - *L.A. Times* story, quoting Demo activist Chris Peeples: "He's been governor. He's been a senate candidate. He's been a presidential candidate...Jerry Borwn doesn't do potholes."...

■ ***The Mike Hernandez Brouhaha*** - Should L.A. Councilman Mike Hernandez resign from the council? That's the focus of an increasingly nasty debate which is beginning to rage citywide. Hernandez pled guilty to felony cocaine use and is now in a drug rehab program. L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan has called for Hernandez to resign, as have Councilmembers Laura Chick & Michael Feuer. But when Chick & Feuer went public, Councilman Nate Holden said, "They act like Westside Ku Klux Klansmen. I kinda wonder if they would do this if it was one of *their own*." Was Holden's statement *anti-semitic*? Some sources say it was over the line. Meanwhile, the recall drive to remove Hernandez goes forward...

■ ***Public Funding of Sports Facilities*** - A survey of 600 San Diego voters countywide shows that **51%** are *opposed* to a new baseball stadium for the *San Diego Padres* if the city and the *Padres* were to split the construction costs. 35% are in favor, with 14% undecided. The poll was commissioned by the city and was done by S.F.-based David Binder Research...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● David Hersch has been hired as an AE at L.A.-based Fitch Public Affairs. Hersch is a graduate of Loyola Law School...

● After 21 years at Tosco Corp., P/A executive Jim Simmons has set up his own consulting firm. E-mail SimmonsJE@aol.com. or ☎(510)933-6969...

● Steve Hill has joined Paramount-based AMS Response as an AE...

● Former GOP VP candidate Jack Kemp has been named as the Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Pepperdine Univ.'s School of Public Policy...

● COGS Signs in Belmont, CA since 1964 has moved to 920 Center St., San Carlos, CA 94070. Same ☎(650)592-1567...

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